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## For President---1912 WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, Of Ohio.

## ROOSEVELT AND CLARA BARTON.

Long after the memory of Theodore Roosevelt shall have faded in the minds of the people to the point where it is kept alive only by the occasional publication of the list of "presidents of the United States," when the name will serve only to recall the fact that he was a strenuous person, smugly complacent when kind fortune favored him, and savagely and stupidly enraged whenever any of his plans miscarried; long after the truly impressive Roosevelt personality shall have passed away, and only the somewhat sorry record of his achievements shall remain to give him a pitiful place in the history of this country, then, and for ages thereafter, the name of Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross, will live in the minds of all who love to do honor to the truly great ones of the world.

In view of these inevitable truths regarding the two noted figures here compared, one cannot think without shame for the nation of the treatment accorded the greater soul of the lesser man. The shame would not be national, of course, if tragic circumstances had not decreed that Roosevelt should become president of the United States, following the assassination of McKinley.

It was as president, thoughtlessly using the influence of his office to aid in advancing the social ambitions of one as careless of the general national and human welfare as Roosevelt himself when her own interests were involved, that Theodore Roosevelt took the course which broke the great heart of Clara Barton and hastened her end.

Because of whispered innuendoes against the woman who had given her life and her private means to founding and upbuilding the organization which has done so much to relieve the sufferings of millions of injured men, President Theodore Roosevelt himself resigned from the Red Cross and induced other officials, in the brutal and bullying fashion which even those most under the influence of the Roosevelt personality deplore, to do the same. The withdrawals were pointedly intended as a rebuke to Miss Barton, the noble-souled woman who had denied herself all the ordinary interests which mean the most of life to women, because of the whisperings of persons envious of her in the position she had gained.

It was not long before the chief conspirator against the devoted president of the Red Cross was exposed and suspended from membership, and it was Clara Barton that generously set aside the edict of suspension which the executive board had decreed against her enemy. But Theodore Roosevelt—President Roosevelt!—never apologized and never did anything to try to undo, so far as might have lain in his power, the cruel injustice he had done an American woman in whom the elements of true greatness existed far beyond any measure that the Lion Hunter honestly could claim for himself. Miss Barton left the presidency of the Red Cross in grief, and sorrow dwelt with her through the few remaining years of her life.

The conduct of Colonel Roosevelt in that tragic episode was characteristic of the man. He is the type of "infallible"—the king can do no wrong! He never has confessed a wrong, never admitted a fault or a mistake. Friends have done these things for him, in kindness, and have been called "liars!" for their pains.

Theodore Roosevelt is a big man, a colossal figure in the political life of this country, and it is possible that he has in him, under the bluster and bullying, some element of greatness. Compared, however, with the greatness of the woman, who, in all gentleness and with unassuming courage, gave aid and comfort to hosts of wounded men and founded an organization which has lightened the world's great burden of sorrow in war, ex-President Roosevelt's little show of greatness is a pitiful thing.

A truly great man would have apologized to Clara Barton for the wrong he had done her in his unreasoning impetuosity. Roosevelt's absurd sense of his own huge importance often has prevented him from acting the part of a man.

## A SHAMEFUL STORY OF SORDID GREED.

An ugly story of the greed in connection with the operation of the wireless telegraph system and the holding back of news concerning the Ti-

tanic wreck comes over the wires from New York. Chief operator W. T. Sammis of the Marconi system in that city makes impudent confession of the facts and even glories in the embargo that he placed on the news for the sake of the dollars that the company he represents might be able to earn by selling the complete story. This was done at the moment that the people of two continents were racked with anxiety and grief concerning the fate of hundreds of souls. The story of greed in all its sordid details is shameful and would be even incredible were it not told by the man chiefly concerned.

Three messages were sent out to the Carpathia from the New York office in these words: Keep your mouth shut. Hold story. Big money for you.

An other message followed after an interval: This message read:

If you are wise, hold story. The Marconi company will take care of you.

The third and last message was addressed to "Marconi officer, the Carpathia and the Titanic," and signed "S. M. Sammis, chief engineer of the Marconi company of America." This one read:

Stop. Say nothing. Hold your story for dollars in four figures, Marconi agreeing. Will meet you at dock."

It is a shameful story of greed, but Sammis does not seem to see it that way, and he said to a reporter: "Yes, I sent these messages, but whose business is it?"

Mr. Sammis will assuredly find that the people of the United States will make it their business. His confession of squalid greed explains why the whole country was kept in suspense for three days concerning the details of the wreck and the number and identity of the unhappy victims of the wreck. It was an example of covetous rapacity combined with cold blooded cruelty.

The confession of Sammis makes the strongest argument for putting the wireless system under government control. On the day following the wreck, that is, on Monday, all sorts of false news gained currency, and it was even represented that the Titanic was still afloat twelve hours after it had sunk. Who was responsible for these falsehoods we do not know with certainty, but we do know how and why the true facts were concealed.

## A NOBLE WIFE'S CHOICE.

The dread disaster of the Titanic has so far receded that its incidents begin to stand out in a true perspective. Now, when all hearts are tender and all heads are bowed in grief, is no time to make comparisons or to avoid honors, but out of the whole dreadful tragedy stands the noble incident of the devotion of a wife to her aged husband.

Mrs. Isador Strauss was offered rescue; she was urged to enter a lifeboat while the ship was sinking; but she answered simply, "I will stay with my husband. We have lived with each other too long; under no circumstances will I desert him."

She never wavered, she saw but one course, and she died with her husband, rather than accept safety without him.

We are stirred by the gallant conduct of Major Butt, who died for a soldier's ideals. We are touched by the tenderness of Colonel Astor and, forgetting criticisms, honor the manliness he so highly illustrated. We are impressed with the splendid heroism with which Captain Smith upheld the traditions of his calling. We salute the unnamed crew who went to their death for duty's sake. We are reassured by the general self-sacrifice against the fear that our higher civilization has developed a selfish incapacity for chivalry. But it is a prouder confidence to feel that womanhood and wifely devotion abide with us as strong today as in the time of the prophets.

That fine old Hebrew wife, standing by her husband's side and refusing rescue, preferring death with him to separation, reflected the best characteristics of her race, famed for its devotion. Her action enshrines her name with Rebecca, Cornelia and Martha Washington, in the loving memory of men.

In an age notable for ready and frequent severance of marriage bonds and for activity in bestowing upon women a large measure of freedom, such as sacrifice illustrates with force and feeling that it is in its constancy that womanhood reaches its noblest elevation. Everywhere today, because of this good woman's example, wifehood has taken on a new meaning, and a new ideal has been established for womanly devotion.—Sacramento Union.

## AS TO SALARIED WIVES.

The better half of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, until recently chief of the United States bureau of chemistry, is quoted as saying that she does not believe the time is distant when laws will be passed providing salaries for wives based upon the husband's income. Mrs. Wiley declares the wife is now only a hardworking human animal who gets no compensation for her ten, twelve or sixteen hours a day of labor.

One dislikes to be so unchivalrous as to intimate that so amiable a woman as Mrs. Wiley is talking through her Easter bonnet. About the quickest way to rob wifehood of its halo, motherhood of its glory and family life of its best ideals would be to place the wife or mother on a salary basis. Think of a paid wife! Imagine a hired mother! How long would love, respect or the thousand and one ineffable intimacies of the fireside last if the light of the home never shone excepting on pay days and the breakfast bell were attached to a cash register? Mrs. Wiley has been married but a few brief months. Previous to that she was on the government payroll, just as her husband was for twenty-nine years until recently.

Is it possible that the payroll has made such a profound impression upon her, and marriage so little, that salary still seems to be the acme of bliss? Let us hope not. The time will come, as it does to all men and women happily wedded, when, though salary is a very pleasant help in time of trouble, dollars will become a constantly decreasing equation in their relation to the joy and contentment of family life. By all means let us have something in the world not regulated by law.

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